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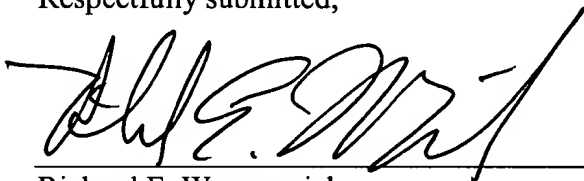
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Item AG is a U.S. "Office Action" for U.S. application no. 10/646,994, mailed August 24, 2004. A copy of the Office Action is included herewith.

It is requested that the information provided herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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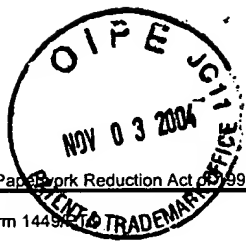
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